

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11, 12 and 15-44 are pending. Claims 1, 12, 16, 17, 19, and 23 have been amended. Claims 11, 15, 18, 22, 37 and 42-44 have been canceled, without prejudice. Support for these amendments can be found in the original claims as filed. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Objections

The Office has objected to claim 1 for reciting the phrases “L1 and L2 are linkers,” “W and X is a spacer” and non-interfering substituents.” Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate definitions of these phrases as they are recited in various dependent claims. Applicants submit that these phrases, while clear on their face in the original claims, now more clearly recite the subject matter regarded as the invention by Applicants. Accordingly, the present object to these phrases should be withdrawn.

Claim 42

The Office has rejected claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that is not adequately supported by the present specification. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office on this point. Nevertheless, solely to advance the prosecution of the present case, Applicants have cancelled claim 42 and those claims that depend therefrom. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application. In view of this amendment, the present rejection of claim 42 is obviated.

The Pending Claims Are Definite

Claims 1-9, 11-12, and 15-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that is indefinite. More specifically, the Office rejected independent claims 1 and 42. These rejections are discussed in detail below.

Claim 1 stands rejected for reciting the phrase “the distance between the atom of Ar linked to L2 and the center of the β ring is no more than 24Å.” Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office regarding the grounds of this rejection. However, solely to advance prosecution of this case, this limitation has been removed from claim 1, as suggested by the Office.

Claim 42 was rejected because the Office considered the scope of the claim to be so broad as to be indefinite. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office regarding the grounds of this rejection. However, as discussed above, this claim has been cancelled. As such, this rejection is moot.

In view of the amendments discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of the pending claims is definite and that the present rejections have been overcome, and each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 219002029300. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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